Case 2:10-cv-00027-RRA Document 1 Filed 01/06/10 Page 1 of 54

2010 Jan-07 AM 10:40

U.S. DISTRICT COURT N.D. OF ALABAMA

%JS 44 (Rev. 12/07)

CIVIL COVER SHEET

The JS 44 civil cover sheet and the information contained herein neither replace nor supplement the liling and service of plendings or other papers as required by low, except as provided by local rules of court. This form, approved by the Judicial Conference of the United States in September 1974, is required for the use of the Clerk of Court for the purpose of initiating the civil docket sheet. (SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON THE REVERSE OF THE FORM.)

l. (a) PLAINTIFFS			DEFENDANTS		
·	•	<u>1</u>	and TRAN County of Residence of	INFORMATION IS UNION, LI First Listed Defendant (IN U.S. PLAINTIFF CASES O CONDEMNATION CASES, USI IVOLVED.	INLY)
John G.			Victoria	J. Frankli	n-Sisson
II. BASIS OF JURISD	Herring ICTION (Place at "X" in One Box Only)	III. C		RINCIPAL PARTIES	Place an "X" in One Box for Plaintiff
	X ズネがcderol Question X (U.S., Government Not a Party)	Citiz	(For Diversity Cases Only) PT: sen of This State XXX		
© 2 U.S. Government Defendant	CF 4 Diversity (Indicate Citizenship of Parties in Item III)		ten of Another State ten or Subject of a	AAA of Business In A	rincipal Place
			oreign Country		
	T (Place nn "X" in One Box Only)	(6	ORFEITURE/PENALTY	BANKRUPTCY	OTHER STATUTES
153 Recovery of Overpayment	Slander ☐ 168 Askestus Pervilla	IRY G 6 y- Gride G 6 Gride G 7 Gride	10 Agriculture 20 Other Food & Drug 25 Drua Related Seizure of Property 21 USC 381 30 Liquor Laws 40 R. R. S. Tunch 50 Airline Regs. 60 Occupational Safety/Health 90 Other 1. AROR 10 Fair Lakor Standards Act 20 Labor/Mgmt. Relations 30 Labor/Mgmt. Reporting	☐ 422 Appeal 28 USC 158 ☐ 423 Withdrawal 28 USC 157 ☐ PROPERTY REGITS ☐ 830 Patent ☐ 840 Trademark SOCJAL, SECURITY ☐ 861 HIA (1395f) ☐ 862 Black Long (923) ☐ 863 DIWC/DIWW (495tg)) ☐ 865 RSI (405tg)) ☐ 865 RSI (405tg) ☐ 870 Taxes (U.S. Plaintiff or Defendant) ☐ 871 IRS—Third Party 26 USC 7609	OTHER STATUTES 400 State Reapportionment 410 Amilitiust 430 Banks and Bankine 450 Commerce 460 Deportation Corrupt Organizations G. 450 Consumer Credit 454 O Cable/Sat TV 810 Selective Service 830 Securities/Commodities/ Exchange 875 Customer Challenge 12 USC 3410 890 Other Statutory Actions 891 Agricultural Acts 892 Economic Stabilization Act 893 Environmental Matters 894 Energy Alfocation Act 895 Preedom of Information Act 900 Appeal of Fee Determination Under Equal Access to Justice 950 Constitutionality of State Statutes
O t Original VIVY R	an "X" in One Box Only) temoved from		instated or (3 5 Transf opened 5 anothe (speci-	Ferred from	
VI. CAUSE OF ACT	initial description of cause.	, e t	(Do not cite jurisdictions seq. t Report i		
VII. REQUESTED IN COMPLAINT:	UNDER F.R.C.P. 23	ON	DEMANDS 75,000	CHECK YES only JURY DEMAND	if demanded in complaint; ; 🖸 Yes 🖸 No
VIII. RELATED CAS	SE(S) (See instructions): JUDGE	,		DOCKET NUMBER	
DATE	SIGNATURE OF	ATTORNE	Y OF RECORD		<u></u>
FOR OFFICE USE ONLY	AMOUNT APPLYING IF	D.	JUDGE	MAG. JU	inge
M TT T T T T	anacount APELYBUIF		10000	MVO.10	UVL

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ALABAMA SOUTHERN DIVISION

ARLANDER TAYLOR, III
U.S. DISTRICT COURT
N.D. OF ALABAMA

CIVIL NO.

Plaintiff,

v.

EQUIFAX INFORMATION SERVICES, LLC and TRANS UNION, LLC;

Defendants.

NOTICE OF REMOVAL

Comes now Defendant, Equifax Information Services, LLC ("Equifax"), by counsel, and hereby files this Notice of Removal of this action from the Circuit Court of Jefferson County, State of Alabama, wherein it is now pending as Case No. CV-2009-903868.00, to the United States District Court for the Northern District of Alabama. This Notice of Removal is filed pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1441 and 1446. In support hereof Defendant shows this Court as follows:

- 1. An action was filed on December 3, 2009 in the Circuit Court of Jefferson County, State of Alabama, entitled *Arlander Taylor, III v. Equifax Information Services LLC*, et al., Civil Action No. CV-2009-903868.00 (the "State Court Action").
- 2. Equifax was served with the Complaint on December 10, 2009. Trans Union, LLC was served with the Complaint on December 10, 2009. Trans Union's Consent to Removal is attached hereto as **Exhibit A**.

- 3. This Notice is being filed with this Court within thirty (30) days after Equifax was served with a copy of Plaintiff's initial pleading setting forth the grounds for his action and his claims for relief.
- 4. This Court has original jurisdiction over this case pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1331, in that this is a civil action arising under the Constitution, laws or treaties of the United States; specifically 15 U.S.C. § 1681 et seq., otherwise known as the Fair Credit Reporting Act ("FCRA"), as follows:
- (a) Plaintiff's Complaint, on its face, alleges a violation of the FCRA. (See Plaintiff's Complaint).
- (b) The FCRA, pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 1681(p), provides that any action alleging a violation of its provisions "may be brought in any appropriate United States district court without regard to the amount in controversy . . ."
- 5. Promptly after the filing of this Notice of Removal, Equifax shall give written notice of the removal to the Plaintiff and to the Clerk of the Court in the State Court Action, as required by 28 U.S.C. § 1446(d).
- 6. Attached hereto, as **Exhibit B**, are copies of the Summons and Complaint served upon Equifax in the State Court Action.
- 7. Attached hereto, as **Exhibit C**, are copies of the entire file in the state court action pending in the Circuit Court of Jefferson County, Alabama, Case No. CV-2009-900052.

WHEREFORE, Equifax requests that the above-described action be removed to this Court.

Respectfully submitted,

EQUIFAX INFORMATION SERVICES, LLC

By: s/Victoria J. Franklin-Sisson Victoria J. Franklin-Sisson Jones, Walker, Waechter, Poitevent, Carrère & Denègre, L.L.P. 505 20th Street N., Ste. 600 Birmingham, Alabama 35203 Tel.: 205.226.5200

Fax: 205.226.5226

vsisson@joneswalker.com

Of Counsel:

Brian Olson bjolson@KSLaw.com KING & SPALDING LLP 1180 Peachtree Street Atlanta, Georgia 30309 Tel: (404) 215-5806

Fax: (404) 572-5172

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

This is to certify that on this 6th day of January, 2010, a true and correct copy of the foregoing was served by United States mail, postage pre-paid and properly addressed on the following counsel:

Attorneys for Plaintiff

John G. Watts, Esq. Watts Law Group, PC 700 29th Street S., Suite 201 P.O. Box 531168 Birmingham, Alabama 35253

M. Stan Herring, Jr., Esq. M. Stan Herring, PC 201 Avon Place 700 29th Street S. Birmingham, Alabama 35233

Attorney for Trans Union, LLC

Marc F. Kirkland, Esq. Strasburger and Price, LLP 2801 Network Boulevard, Ste. 600 Frisco, Texas 75034

s/Victoria J. Franklin-Sisson

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ALABAMA SOUTHERN DIVISION

ARLANDER TAYLOR, III

CIVIL NO.

Plaintiff,

٧.

EQUIFAX INFORMATION SERVICES, LLC and TRANS UNION, LLC;

Defendants.

TRANS UNION, LLC'S JOINDER IN NOTICE OF REMOVAL

Pursuant to Section 1441 and 1446 of Title 28 of the United States Code, Defendant, Trans Union, LLC, hereby joins in and consents to the notice of removal of this action filed by Defendant, Equifax Information Services, LLC, without waiving its rights to assert any personal jurisdictional claims or other motions including Rule 12 motions and/or motions to compel arbitration by the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.

Dated: January 6, 2010.

Respectfully submitted,

TRANS UNION, LLC

By: Marc F. Kirkland, Esq.
Attorney for Trans Union, LLC
Strasburger and Price, LLP
2801 Network Boulevard, Ste. 600
Frisco, Texas 75034

Tel.: 469.287.3946 Fax: 469.227.6575

Marc.Kirkland@strasburger.com



State of Alabama Unified Judicial System

Form C-34 Rev 6/88

SUMMONS - CIVIL -

Case Number:

01-CV-2009-903868.00

IN THE CIVIL COURT OF JEFFERSON, ALABAMA ARLANDER TAYLOR III v. EQUIFAX INFORMATION SERVICES, LLC ET AL

NOTICE TO EQUIFAX INFORMATION SERV	/ICES, LLC, C/O CSC LAWYERS INC. SRV 150 S. PE	RRY STREET, MONTGOMERY, AL 36104
TO PROTECT YOUR RIGHTS. YOU OF ANSWER, EITHER ADMITTING OR D COURT. A COPY OF YOUR ANSWER OPPOSING PARTY'S ATTORNEY JOHN	R YOUR ATTORNEY ARE REQUIRED TO ENYING EACH ALLEGATION IN THE (MUST BE MAILED OR HAND DELIVERE I GRIFFIN WATTS	ND YOU MUST TAKE IMMEDIATEACTION FILE THE ORIGINAL OF YOUR WRITTEN COMPLAINT WITH THE CLERK OF THIS D BY YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY TO THE
WHOSE ADDRESS IS 700 29th Street 5	South, Suite 201, BIRMINGHAM, AL 35233	
YOU OR A JUDGMENT BY DEFAUL DEMANDED IN THE COMPLAINT.	THIN 30 DAYS AFTER THIS SUMMONS T MAY BE ENTERED AGAINST YOU EL AUTHORIZED by the Alabama Rules of	AND COMPLAINT WERE DELIVERED TO FOR THE MONEY OR OTHER THINGS the Civil Procedure:
You are hereby commanded to serve	this summons and a copy of the complaint	in this action upon the defendant
☑ Service by certified mail of this summ pursuant to the Alabama Rules of the	ons is initiated upon the written request of Civil Procedure	ARLANDER TAYLOR III
12/3/2009 8:35:28 PM	/s ANNE-MARIE ADAMS	
Date	Clerk/Register	Ву
✓ Certified mail is hereby requested	/s JOHN GRIFFIN WATTS	
v ooraned maria neresy requested	Plaintiff's/Attorney's Signature	
RETURN ON SERVICE:		
Return receipt of certified mail receive	ed in this office on	
I certify that I personally delivered a c	copy of the Summons and Complaint to	
in	County,	Alabama on
		



LECTRONICALLY FILED

12/3/2009/8/35 PM
CV-2009/9/3868.00
CHRUIT COURT/OF
JEFFERSONICOUNTY, ALABAMA
ANNE-MARIF ADAMS/CLERK

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, ALABAMA

ARLANDER TAYLOR, III,)
Plaintiff,)
v.) Civil Action No.:
EQUIFAX INFORMATION SERVICES, INC. and TRANS UNION,))
LLC,	ĺ
Defendants.)

COMPLAINT

COMES NOW the Plaintiff, by and through counsel, in the above styled cause, and for Plaintiff's Complaint against the Defendants states as follows:

This action arises out of Defendant's violations of the Fair Credit Reporting Act, 15 U.S.C.
 § 1681 et seq. ("FCRA¹") and violations of state law.

Parties

- 1. The Plaintiff, Arlander Taylor, III ("Plaintiff"), is a natural person who is a resident of Alabama.
- 2. Defendant Equifax Information Services, LLC ("Defendant" or "Equifax") is a foreign company (incorporated in Georgia) that engages in the business of maintaining and reporting consumer credit information and does business in this Judicial District. Its principal place of business is the State of Georgia and it is incorporated in Georgia.
- 3. Defendant Trans Union, LLC ("Defendant" or "Trans Union") is a foreign company (incorporated in Delaware) that engages in the business of maintaining and reporting

¹ Any reference to the FCRA includes all applicable subsections whether explicitly stated or not.

consumer credit information and does business in this Judicial District. Its principal place of business is the State of Illinois and it is incorporated in Delaware.

Factual Allegations

- 4. Capital One Bank, N.A. ("Capital One") is reporting that Plaintiff owes it money on a Capital One account.
- 5. The last payment was made in the late 1990s and even Capital One admits that the last payment was made in November 2000 (the alleged November 2000 payment is incorrect but this shows that it is too late to be reporting this account).
- 6. In 2008, Plaintiff requested that Defendants Equifax and Trans Union delete the Capital One account, as it was too old to be reported. Plaintiff sent dispute letters to the Defendants Equifax and Trans Union requesting an investigation of the Capital One account that appeared on Plaintiff's credit report.
- 7. Plaintiff enclosed a copy of a Capital One letter to Plaintiff dated June 9, 2008, which sets forth the November 2000 payment date (although it was actually earlier that the last payment was made) and that Capital One will request that the account be deleted from Plaintiff's credit reports.
- 8. Defendants Equifax and Trans Union were not concerned and did not care that this account was too old to be reported as Equifax and Trans Union did not intend to perform a reasonable investigation.
- 9. Defendants Equifax and Trans Union did not perform any type of reasonable investigation.
- 10. Despite the obvious problem with this account remaining on Plaintiff's credit reports (i.e. it is too late to be reporting this account), all Defendants negligently, wantonly,

- recklessly, and/or intentionally performed an unreasonable investigation which resulted in this account staying on Plaintiff's credit reports.
- 11. All Defendants failed to properly investigate these disputes as if Defendants had properly investigated, the Capital One account would have been deleted.
- 12. Defendant Equifax issued its results of investigation, which shows the Capital account with a balance, past due and as a charge off.
- 13. Defendant Trans Union issued its results of investigation, which shows the Capital account with a balance, past due and as a charge off.
- 14. The Defendants indicate the account will remain on Plaintiff's credit reports for years to come.
- 15. Defendants Equifax and Trans Union were provided with more than sufficient information in the disputes and in their own internal sources of information to conduct an investigation and to conclude that the account complained of was being reported incorrectly.
- 16. Despite this knowledge, Equifax and Trans Union have completely abdicated their obligations under federal and state law and have instead chosen to merely "parrot" whatever their customer, Capital One, has told them to say.
- 17. Defendants Equifax and Trans Union have a policy to favor the paying customer, in this situation Capital One, rather than what the consumer says about a debt or what Defendants Equifax and Trans Union own internal records show.
- 18. The primary reason for this wrongful policy is that furnishers in general, and debt collectors specifically, provide enormous financial rewards to Defendants Equifax and Trans Union.

- 19. The importance of keeping balances and/or accounts on credit reports is that all the Defendants understand that one of the most powerful methods furnishers have to wrench payment from a consumer is by placing accounts and/or balances on the consumer's credit reports.
- 20. Defendant Equifax and Trans Union have a policy to allow furnishers to park accounts.
- 21. "Parking" is a term in the industry for keeping a false balance (or false account) on the credit report so that the consumer will be forced to pay off the balance in order to obtain a refinancing or to qualify for a loan or to increase the consumer's credit score from the artificially lowered score which directly resulted from the Defendants' intentional and malicious conduct.
- 22. In parking or allowing the parking of an account, all Defendants know they are violating their obligations and duties under federal and state law to accurately report the account and the balance.
- 23. All Defendants know that parking an account will lead to false and defamatory information being published every time the Plaintiff's credit report is accessed and this is the malicious and intentional design behind Defendants' actions with the goal to force the Plaintiff to pay on an account that is too old to report.
- 24. All Defendants maliciously, willfully, intentionally, recklessly, and/or negligently failed to review the information provided in the disputes and that was already in their files and to conduct a reasonable investigation on Plaintiff's disputes, which led as a direct result and consequence to all of the Defendants either failing to delete information found to be inaccurate, failing to replace the inaccurate information with accurate information, and/or reinserting the information without following the dictates of the FCRA.

- At all relevant times the Defendants Equifax and Trans Union failed to maintain and failed to follow reasonable procedures to assure maximum possible accuracy of Plaintiff's credit report, concerning the account in question, violating 15 U.S.C. § 1681e(b) and state law.
- 26. Defendants Equifax and Trans Union have failed to maintain Plaintiff's account with maximum accuracy.
- 27. All Defendants have failed to properly investigate the account in response to the disputes made by Plaintiff.
- 28. The conduct of the Defendants has proximately caused Plaintiff past and future monetary loss, past and future damage to Plaintiff's credit and credit worthiness, past and future mental distress and emotional anguish, and other damages that will be presented to the trier of fact.
- 29. It is a practice of all of the Defendants to maliciously, willfully, recklessly, wantonly and/or negligently ignore and refuse to follow the requirements of the FCRA and state law.
- 30. All Defendants know their conduct is wrong.
- 31. All actions taken by employees, agents, servants, or representatives of any type for the Defendants were taken in the line and scope of such individuals (or entities') employment, agency or representation.
- 32. All actions taken by the Defendants were done with malice, were done willfully, and were done with either the desire to harm Plaintiff and/or with the knowledge that their actions would very likely harm Plaintiff and/or that their actions were taken in violation

- of the FCRA and/or state law and/or that they knew or should have known that their actions were in reckless disregard of the FCRA and/or state law.
- 33. All Defendants have engaged in a pattern and practice of wrongful and unlawful behavior with respect to accounts and consumer reports and as such all Defendants are subject to punitive damages and statutory damages and all other appropriate measures to punish and deter similar future conduct by these Defendants and similar companies.

FIRST CLAIM FOR RELIEF Violating the Fair Credit Reporting Act

- 34. All paragraphs of this Complaint are expressly adopted and incorporated herein as if fully set forth herein.
- 35. Defendants Equifax and Trans Union are "consumer reporting agencies," as codified at 15 U.S.C. § 1681a(e).
- 36. Capital One is an entity who, regularly and in the course of business, furnishes information to one or more consumer reporting agencies about its transactions or experiences with any consumer and therefore constitutes a "furnisher," as codified at 15 U.S.C. § 1681s-2.
- 37. Plaintiff notified Defendants Equifax and Trans Union directly of a dispute on the Capital One account's completeness and/or accuracy, as reported.
- 38. Defendants Equifax and Trans Union properly forwarded all dispute information to Capital One.
- 39. In the alternative, Defendants Equifax and Trans Union failed to do so and violated the FCRA in not doing so.

- 40. All Defendants failed to delete information found to be inaccurate, reinserted the information without following the FCRA, or failed to properly investigate Plaintiff's disputes.
- Plaintiff alleges that at all relevant times Defendants Equifax and Trans Union failed to maintain and failed to follow reasonable procedures to assure maximum possible accuracy of Plaintiff's credit report, concerning the accounts in question, violating 15 U.S.C. § 1681e(b).
- 42. One example of the wrongdoing on the part of all Defendants is that this individual account is too old to be reported but all Defendants closed their eyes to this fact, refused to look at this, or willfully, recklessly wantonly, or negligently failed to consider this.
- 43. Plaintiff alleges that all Defendants failed to conduct a proper and lawful investigation or reinvestigation.
- 44. Had the Defendants conducted a reasonable investigation the account would have been deleted.
- 45. All actions taken by the Defendants were done with malice, were done willfully, and were done with either the desire to harm Plaintiff and/or with the knowledge that their actions would very likely harm Plaintiff and/or that their actions were taken in violation of the FCRA and state law and/or that knew or should have known that their actions were in reckless disregard of the FCRA and state law.
- 46. All of the violations of the FCRA proximately caused the injuries and damages set forth in this Complaint.

SECOND CLAIM FOR RELIEF State Law Claims

- 47. All paragraphs of this Complaint are expressly adopted and incorporated herein as if fully set forth herein.
- 48. All Defendants intentionally published false and defamatory information related to the Capital One account.
- 49. All Defendants acted with negligence, malice, wantonness, recklessness, and/or intentional conduct in its dealings with and about Plaintiff as set forth in this Complaint.

 This includes the initial reporting of Capital One's account; the handling of any investigations on the accounts; and all other aspects as set forth in this Complaint.
- 50. All Defendants assumed a duty, through the subscriber agreement and other actions, to accurately report the balances and account.
- 51. All Defendants violated all of the duties all Defendants had and such violations were made intentionally, willfully, recklessly, maliciously, wantonly, and negligently.
- 52. It was foreseeable, and all Defendants did in fact foresee it, that refusing to properly update and investigate would cause the exact type of harm suffered by the Plaintiff.
- 53. All Defendants invaded the privacy of Plaintiff as set forth in Alabama law, including publishing false information about Plaintiff's personal financial obligations.
- 54. All Defendants acted with intentional, reckless, or wanton conduct in reporting this false information.
- Such negligence, malice, wantonness, recklessness, willfulness, and/or intentional conduct proximately caused the damages set forth in this complaint and such conduct occurred before, during and after the disputes to the CRAs.

As a result of this conduct, action, and inaction of all Defendants, Plaintiff has suffered damage as set forth in this Complaint.

RELIEF SOUGHT

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff respectfully prays that judgment in excess of \$75,000 be entered against the Defendants for the following:

- A. An award of statutory, actual, compensatory and punitive damages, and costs of the action including expenses, together with reasonable attorney's fees.
- B. Plaintiff also requests all further relief to which Plaintiff is entitled under Federal or State law, whether of a legal or equitable nature.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ John G. Watts
John G. Watts (WAT056)
Attorney for Plaintiff

OF COUNSEL:

Watts Law Group, PC
The Kress Building
301 19th Street North
Birmingham, Alabama 35203
(205) 879-2447
(888) 522-7167 facsimile
john@wattslawgroup.com

/s/ M. Stan Herring
M. Stan Herring (HER037)
Attorney for Plaintiff

OF COUNSEL:

M. Stan Herring, P.C.
The Kress Building
301 19th Street North
Birmingham, Alabama 35203
(205) 714-4443
(888) 522-7167 facsimile
msh@mstanherringlaw.com

PLAINTIFF DEMANDS A TRIAL BY JURY IN THIS CAUSE.

/s/ John G. Watts

Serve defendants via certified mail at the following addresses:

Equifax Information Services, LLC c/o CSC Lawyers Incorporating Service, Inc. 150 S. Perry Street
Montgomery, Alabama 36104

Trans Union, LLC Prentice-Hall Corporation System Inc 150 S. Perry St. Montgomery, AL 36104 State of Alabama Unified Judicial System

Form ARCiv-93 Rev.5/99

MEDIATION REQUESTED:

COVER SHEET CIRCUIT COURT - CIVIL CASE

(Not For Domestic Relations Cases)

Case Number: 01-CV-200

Date of Filing: 12/03/2009

ELECTRONICALLY FILED

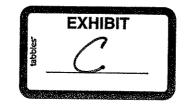
11/3/2009 8:35 PM

CV-2009-903868 00

CIRCUIT COURT OF

JEHLERSON COUNTY, ALABAMA
ANNE-MARIE ADAMS, CLERK

CENE	RAL INFORMATION						
IN THE CIRCUIT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, ALABAMA							
ARLANDER TAYLOR III v. EQUIFAX INFORMATION SERVICES, LLC ET AL							
First Plaintiff: Business Individual Government Other	First Defendant: ☑ Business ☐ Individual ☐ Government ☐ Other						
NATURE OF SUIT:							
TORTS: PERSONAL INJURY	OTHER CIVIL FILINGS (cont'd)						
WDEA - Wrongful DeathTONG - Negligence: GeneralTOMV - Negligence: Motor VehicleTOWA - WantonnesTOPL - Product Liability/AEMLD	 MSXX - Birth/Death Certificate Modification/Bond Forfeiture Appeal/Enforcement of Agency Subpoena/Petition to Preserve □ CVRT - Civil Rights □ COND - Condemnation/Eminent Domain/Right-of-Way 						
☐ TOMM - Malpractice-Medical ☐ TOLM - Malpractice-Legal ☐ TOOM - Malpractice-Other ☐ TBFM - Fraud/Bad Faith/Misrepresentation ☐ TOXX - Other: FCRA	CTMP-Contempt of Court CONT-Contract/Ejectment/Writ of Seizure TOCN - Conversion EQND- Equity Non-Damages Actions/Declaratory Judgment/Injunction Election Contest/Quiet Title/Sale For						
TORTS: PERSONAL INJURY TOPE - Personal Property	CVUD-Eviction Appeal/Unlawfyul Detainer FORJ-Foreign Judgment FORF-Fruits of Crime Forfeiture						
TORE - Real Property	☐ MSHC-Habeas Corpus/Extraordinary Writ/Mandamus/Prohibition ☐ PFAB-Protection From Abuse						
OTHER CIVIL FILINGS ABAN - Abandoned Automobile ACCT - Account & Nonmortgage APAA - Administrative Agency Appeal ADPA - Administrative Procedure Act ANPS - Adults in Need of Protective Services	FELA-Railroad/Seaman (FELA) RPRO-Real Property WTEG-Will/Trust/Estate/Guardianship/Conservatorship COMP-Workers' Compensation CVXX-Miscellaneous Circuit Civil Case						
ORIGIN: F INITIAL FILING	A APPEAL FROM O OTHER DISTRICT COURT						
R REMANDED	T TRANSFERRED FROM OTHER CIRCUIT COURT						
HAS JURY TRIAL BEEN DEMANDED? ✓ Yes	□No						
RELIEF REQUESTED:							
ATTORNEY CODE: WAT056 12	2/3/2009 8:30:21 PM /s JOHN GRIFFIN WATTS						



EROBEICTRONIC ALLY FILED

(III)) 12/3/2009/8/35 PM

CV=2009-903868/00

CIRCUIT COURT OF

JEFFERSON COUNTY, ALABAMA

ANNE-MARIE ADAMS, CLERK

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, ALABAMA

ARLANDER TAYLOR, III,)
Plaintiff,)
v.) Civil Action No.:
EQUIFAX INFORMATION SERVICES, INC. and TRANS UNION,)))
LLC,)
Defendants.)

COMPLAINT

COMES NOW the Plaintiff, by and through counsel, in the above styled cause, and for Plaintiff's Complaint against the Defendants states as follows:

This action arises out of Defendant's violations of the Fair Credit Reporting Act, 15 U.S.C.
 § 1681 et seq. ("FCRA¹") and violations of state law.

Parties

- 1. The Plaintiff, Arlander Taylor, III ("Plaintiff"), is a natural person who is a resident of Alabama.
- 2. Defendant Equifax Information Services, LLC ("Defendant" or "Equifax") is a foreign company (incorporated in Georgia) that engages in the business of maintaining and reporting consumer credit information and does business in this Judicial District. Its principal place of business is the State of Georgia and it is incorporated in Georgia.
- 3. Defendant Trans Union, LLC ("Defendant" or "Trans Union") is a foreign company (incorporated in Delaware) that engages in the business of maintaining and reporting

¹ Any reference to the FCRA includes all applicable subsections whether explicitly stated or not.

consumer credit information and does business in this Judicial District. Its principal place of business is the State of Illinois and it is incorporated in Delaware.

Factual Allegations

- 4. Capital One Bank, N.A. ("Capital One") is reporting that Plaintiff owes it money on a Capital One account.
- 5. The last payment was made in the late 1990s and even Capital One admits that the last payment was made in November 2000 (the alleged November 2000 payment is incorrect but this shows that it is too late to be reporting this account).
- 6. In 2008, Plaintiff requested that Defendants Equifax and Trans Union delete the Capital One account, as it was too old to be reported. Plaintiff sent dispute letters to the Defendants Equifax and Trans Union requesting an investigation of the Capital One account that appeared on Plaintiff's credit report.
- 7. Plaintiff enclosed a copy of a Capital One letter to Plaintiff dated June 9, 2008, which sets forth the November 2000 payment date (although it was actually earlier that the last payment was made) and that Capital One will request that the account be deleted from Plaintiff's credit reports.
- 8. Defendants Equifax and Trans Union were not concerned and did not care that this account was too old to be reported as Equifax and Trans Union did not intend to perform a reasonable investigation.
- 9. Defendants Equifax and Trans Union did not perform any type of reasonable investigation.
- 10. Despite the obvious problem with this account remaining on Plaintiff's credit reports (i.e. it is too late to be reporting this account), all Defendants negligently, wantonly,

- recklessly, and/or intentionally performed an unreasonable investigation which resulted in this account staying on Plaintiff's credit reports.
- 11. All Defendants failed to properly investigate these disputes as if Defendants had properly investigated, the Capital One account would have been deleted.
- 12. Defendant Equifax issued its results of investigation, which shows the Capital account with a balance, past due and as a charge off.
- 13. Defendant Trans Union issued its results of investigation, which shows the Capital account with a balance, past due and as a charge off.
- 14. The Defendants indicate the account will remain on Plaintiff's credit reports for years to come.
- 15. Defendants Equifax and Trans Union were provided with more than sufficient information in the disputes and in their own internal sources of information to conduct an investigation and to conclude that the account complained of was being reported incorrectly.
- 16. Despite this knowledge, Equifax and Trans Union have completely abdicated their obligations under federal and state law and have instead chosen to merely "parrot" whatever their customer, Capital One, has told them to say.
- 17. Defendants Equifax and Trans Union have a policy to favor the paying customer, in this situation Capital One, rather than what the consumer says about a debt or what Defendants Equifax and Trans Union own internal records show.
- 18. The primary reason for this wrongful policy is that furnishers in general, and debt collectors specifically, provide enormous financial rewards to Defendants Equifax and Trans Union.

- 19. The importance of keeping balances and/or accounts on credit reports is that all the Defendants understand that one of the most powerful methods furnishers have to wrench payment from a consumer is by placing accounts and/or balances on the consumer's credit reports.
- 20. Defendant Equifax and Trans Union have a policy to allow furnishers to park accounts.
- 21. "Parking" is a term in the industry for keeping a false balance (or false account) on the credit report so that the consumer will be forced to pay off the balance in order to obtain a refinancing or to qualify for a loan or to increase the consumer's credit score from the artificially lowered score which directly resulted from the Defendants' intentional and malicious conduct.
- 22. In parking or allowing the parking of an account, all Defendants know they are violating their obligations and duties under federal and state law to accurately report the account and the balance.
- 23. All Defendants know that parking an account will lead to false and defamatory information being published every time the Plaintiff's credit report is accessed and this is the malicious and intentional design behind Defendants' actions with the goal to force the Plaintiff to pay on an account that is too old to report.
- 24. All Defendants maliciously, willfully, intentionally, recklessly, and/or negligently failed to review the information provided in the disputes and that was already in their files and to conduct a reasonable investigation on Plaintiff's disputes, which led as a direct result and consequence to all of the Defendants either failing to delete information found to be inaccurate, failing to replace the inaccurate information with accurate information, and/or reinserting the information without following the dictates of the FCRA.

- At all relevant times the Defendants Equifax and Trans Union failed to maintain and failed to follow reasonable procedures to assure maximum possible accuracy of Plaintiff's credit report, concerning the account in question, violating 15 U.S.C. § 1681e(b) and state law.
- 26. Defendants Equifax and Trans Union have failed to maintain Plaintiff's account with maximum accuracy.
- 27. All Defendants have failed to properly investigate the account in response to the disputes made by Plaintiff.
- 28. The conduct of the Defendants has proximately caused Plaintiff past and future monetary loss, past and future damage to Plaintiff's credit and credit worthiness, past and future mental distress and emotional anguish, and other damages that will be presented to the trier of fact.
- 29. It is a practice of all of the Defendants to maliciously, willfully, recklessly, wantonly and/or negligently ignore and refuse to follow the requirements of the FCRA and state law.
- 30. All Defendants know their conduct is wrong.
- 31. All actions taken by employees, agents, servants, or representatives of any type for the Defendants were taken in the line and scope of such individuals (or entities') employment, agency or representation.
- 32. All actions taken by the Defendants were done with malice, were done willfully, and were done with either the desire to harm Plaintiff and/or with the knowledge that their actions would very likely harm Plaintiff and/or that their actions were taken in violation

- of the FCRA and/or state law and/or that they knew or should have known that their actions were in reckless disregard of the FCRA and/or state law.
- 33. All Defendants have engaged in a pattern and practice of wrongful and unlawful behavior with respect to accounts and consumer reports and as such all Defendants are subject to punitive damages and statutory damages and all other appropriate measures to punish and deter similar future conduct by these Defendants and similar companies.

FIRST CLAIM FOR RELIEF Violating the Fair Credit Reporting Act

- 34. All paragraphs of this Complaint are expressly adopted and incorporated herein as if fully set forth herein.
- 35. Defendants Equifax and Trans Union are "consumer reporting agencies," as codified at 15 U.S.C. § 1681a(e).
- 36. Capital One is an entity who, regularly and in the course of business, furnishes information to one or more consumer reporting agencies about its transactions or experiences with any consumer and therefore constitutes a "furnisher," as codified at 15 U.S.C. § 1681s-2.
- 37. Plaintiff notified Defendants Equifax and Trans Union directly of a dispute on the Capital One account's completeness and/or accuracy, as reported.
- 38. Defendants Equifax and Trans Union properly forwarded all dispute information to Capital One.
- 39. In the alternative, Defendants Equifax and Trans Union failed to do so and violated the FCRA in not doing so.

- 40. All Defendants failed to delete information found to be inaccurate, reinserted the information without following the FCRA, or failed to properly investigate Plaintiff's disputes.
- 41. Plaintiff alleges that at all relevant times Defendants Equifax and Trans Union failed to maintain and failed to follow reasonable procedures to assure maximum possible accuracy of Plaintiff's credit report, concerning the accounts in question, violating 15 U.S.C. § 1681e(b).
- 42. One example of the wrongdoing on the part of all Defendants is that this individual account is too old to be reported but all Defendants closed their eyes to this fact, refused to look at this, or willfully, recklessly wantonly, or negligently failed to consider this.
- 43. Plaintiff alleges that all Defendants failed to conduct a proper and lawful investigation or reinvestigation.
- 44. Had the Defendants conducted a reasonable investigation the account would have been deleted.
- 45. All actions taken by the Defendants were done with malice, were done willfully, and were done with either the desire to harm Plaintiff and/or with the knowledge that their actions would very likely harm Plaintiff and/or that their actions were taken in violation of the FCRA and state law and/or that knew or should have known that their actions were in reckless disregard of the FCRA and state law.
- 46. All of the violations of the FCRA proximately caused the injuries and damages set forth in this Complaint.

SECOND CLAIM FOR RELIEF State Law Claims

- 47. All paragraphs of this Complaint are expressly adopted and incorporated herein as if fully set forth herein.
- 48. All Defendants intentionally published false and defamatory information related to the Capital One account.
- 49. All Defendants acted with negligence, malice, wantonness, recklessness, and/or intentional conduct in its dealings with and about Plaintiff as set forth in this Complaint.

 This includes the initial reporting of Capital One's account; the handling of any investigations on the accounts; and all other aspects as set forth in this Complaint.
- 50. All Defendants assumed a duty, through the subscriber agreement and other actions, to accurately report the balances and account.
- 51. All Defendants violated all of the duties all Defendants had and such violations were made intentionally, willfully, recklessly, maliciously, wantonly, and negligently.
- 52. It was foreseeable, and all Defendants did in fact foresee it, that refusing to properly update and investigate would cause the exact type of harm suffered by the Plaintiff.
- 53. All Defendants invaded the privacy of Plaintiff as set forth in Alabama law, including publishing false information about Plaintiff's personal financial obligations.
- 54. All Defendants acted with intentional, reckless, or wanton conduct in reporting this false information.
- 55. Such negligence, malice, wantonness, recklessness, willfulness, and/or intentional conduct proximately caused the damages set forth in this complaint and such conduct occurred before, during and after the disputes to the CRAs.

56. As a result of this conduct, action, and inaction of all Defendants, Plaintiff has suffered damage as set forth in this Complaint.

RELIEF SOUGHT

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff respectfully prays that judgment in excess of \$75,000 be entered against the Defendants for the following:

- A. An award of statutory, actual, compensatory and punitive damages, and costs of the action including expenses, together with reasonable attorney's fees.
- B. Plaintiff also requests all further relief to which Plaintiff is entitled under Federal or State law, whether of a legal or equitable nature.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ John G. Watts
John G. Watts (WAT056)
Attorney for Plaintiff

OF COUNSEL:

Watts Law Group, PC
The Kress Building
301 19th Street North
Birmingham, Alabama 35203
(205) 879-2447
(888) 522-7167 facsimile
john@wattslawgroup.com

/s/ M. Stan Herring
M. Stan Herring (HER037)
Attorney for Plaintiff

OF COUNSEL:

M. Stan Herring, P.C.
The Kress Building
301 19th Street North
Birmingham, Alabama 35203
(205) 714-4443
(888) 522-7167 facsimile
msh@mstanherringlaw.com

PLAINTIFF DEMANDS A TRIAL BY JURY IN THIS CAUSE.

/s/ John G. Watts

Serve defendants via certified mail at the following addresses:

Equifax Information Services, LLC c/o CSC Lawyers Incorporating Service, Inc. 150 S. Perry Street
Montgomery, Alabama 36104

Trans Union, LLC
Prentice-Hall Corporation System Inc
150 S. Perry St.
Montgomery, AL 36104

THE CTRONICALLY FILED

12/3/2009 8.35 PM

CW-2009/903868.00

CIRCUIT COURT OF

JEFFERSON COUNTY, ALABAMA

ANNE-MARIE ADAMS, CLERK

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, ALABAMA

ARLANDER TAYLOR, III,)
Plaintiff,)
v.) Civil Action No.:
EQUIFAX INFORMATION)
SERVICES, INC. and TRANS UNION,)
LLC,)
)
Defendants.)

PLAINTIFF'S FIRST SET OF INTERROGATORIES AND REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION OF DOCUMENTS TO DEFENDANTS EQUIFAX INFORMATION SERVICES, INC. AND TRANS UNION, LLC

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that you are hereby notified and required to respond to the following Interrogatories propounded by Plaintiff herein, through his attorneys of record, M. Stan Herring and John G. Watts in accordance with the provisions of Rule 33, et seq., of the Rules of Civil Procedure.

You are further placed on notice that these Interrogatories are deemed continuing, requiring supplemental responses thereto in the event requested information becomes available which would require amendment or supplementation of your responses in order that they would be proper and truthful.

INSTRUCTIONS

In answering these Interrogatories, please furnish all information which is available to you, including, without limitation, all information in the possession of your attorneys, accountants, affiliates, auditors, agents, employees, officers, directors, shareholders, contractors, or other personnel, and not merely such information as is in your possession.

If you cannot respond to any of the following Interrogatories in full, after exercising due diligence to secure information to do so, please so state, and respond to the extent possible, specifying all reasons why you are unable or unwilling to respond to the remainder, stating whatever information you have concerning the unproduced information, and what efforts you made to secure information sufficient to allow you to respond fully to the particular Interrogatory.

Although one or more of the following Interrogatories may not appear to be applicable to or directed to you, please respond to each and every one of them to the extent that you are able to provide any response thereto whether such response consists of information within your own knowledge or what you have obtained from others. However, for every response in which you include information received from others, please provide the name, any known address, and any known phone number of the person from whom you so received such information. And, in every such instance please state that you cannot verify such of your own personal knowledge, identifying particularly the information for which you cannot vouch. Further, these Interrogatories contain words or phrases which require you to refer to the "Definitions" section of this document provided herein below.

Unless otherwise stated, each Interrogatory pertains to the time period beginning January, 2007, through the present date. Thus, your responses should be fully answered as they pertain to information within that time frame. Further, each Interrogatory should identify the appropriate time frame, if your response requires same.

DEFINITIONS

- 1. "You" includes this Defendant, the company, entity, institution, agency, subsidiary(ies), parent corporation(s) and/or any of its branches, departments, employees, agents, contractual affiliates, or otherwise connected by legal relationship, in the broadest sense. "You" includes any of your sister companies or related entities, including, and their connected companies, whether or not separately incorporated.
- "Document(s)" shall mean and include any printed, typewritten, handwritten or 2. otherwise recorded matter of whatever character, including specifically, but not exclusively, and without limiting the generality of the foregoing, letters, diaries, desk and other calendars, memoranda, telegrams, posters, cables, reports, charts, statistics, envelopes, studies, newspapers, news reports, business records, book of account(s) or other books, ledgers, balance sheets, journals, personal records, personal notes, any piece of paper, parchment, or other materials similarly used with anything written, typed, printed, stamped, engraved, embossed, or impressed upon it, accountants statements, accounting records of any kind, bank statements, minutes of meetings or other minutes, labels, graphics, notes of meetings or conversations or other notes, catalogues, written agreements, checks, announcements, statements, receipts, returns invoices, bills, warranties, advertisements, guarantees, summaries, pamphlets, prospectuses, bulletins, publications, photographs, work-sheets, computer printouts, transmissions or receipts, teletypes, telefaxes, file folders or other folders, tape recordings, and any original or non-identical (whether different from the original by reason of any notation made on such copies or otherwise), carbon, photostatic or photograph copies of such materials. The term "documents" shall also mean and include

every other recording of, or means of recording on any tangible form, any form of information, data, communication, or representation, including but not limited to, microfilm, microfiche, any records stored on any form of computer software, audio or video tapes or discs, digitally recorded disks or diskettes, or any other medium whatsoever.

For each "document" responsive to any request withheld from production by you on the ground of any privilege, please state:

- (a) The nature of the document (e.g., letter, memorandum, contract, etc.);
- (b) The author or sender of the document;
- (c) The recipient of the document;
- (d) The date the document was authored, sent, and/or received; and
- (e) The reason such document is allegedly privileged.
- 3. "Audit Trail" means a complete, detailed listing of each and every alteration, deletion, inquiry into, modification or other change to the credit report or profile as maintained in recorded form, in the broadest sense, by "you." The listing should include the identity, address, employer and title of the person(s) taking the action, the identity, address, employer and title of the person(s) authorizing the action, a detailed explanation of the action taken, the date of the action, the means used to effect such action, the location of origin of the action and the reason the action was taken. The term "audit trail" also includes the definition provided for the phrase in the Federbush, Federal Trade Commission and Formal Staff Opinion Letter, March 10, 1983.
- 4. "Identify" means that you should state:
 - a. any and all names, legal, trade or assumed;

- b. all addresses used;
- c. all telephone and fax numbers used; and, if applicable:
- d. brand, make, manufacturer's name, address, phone number and the manufacturer's relationship to any and all Defendants in the above captioned action; and
- e. employer's name, address, phone number and the employer's relationship to any and all Defendants in the above captioned action.
- 5. "Person(s)" means any human being, sole proprietorship, limited partnership, partnership, association, group of human beings, other legal or de facto entity, or corporation, of whatever kind.
- 6. "Explain" means to elucidate, make plain or understandable, to give the reason for or cause of, and to show the logical development or relationships thereof.
- 7. "Describe" means to represent or give an account of in words.
- 8. "Personal Identifiers" means a person's name or social security number or other unique data which identifies or is associated with a particular "person."
- 9. "Other Defendant" means any Defendant(s) in this case.

INTERROGATORIES

INTERROGATORY NO. 1:

Identify the names, addresses, and telephone numbers of all persons who were witness to or who have personal knowledge of any of the facts, events, or matters that are alleged in Plaintiffs' complaint, your answer, anticipated answer and/or defenses thereto and describe and explain your understanding of the matters on which the persons named

have knowledge. In addition to identifying said individuals as specified in the instructions above, please include the following:

- (a) Please state whether each such person is affiliated with, or related to, or employed by any party (or its agents, servants, officers, or employees) to this lawsuit;
- (b) If any of the persons so listed in response to this interrogatory do not fit the characterization in subpart (a) above, please describe the nature of their involvement in this lawsuit;
- (c) Please explain and describe your understanding of their knowledge of such facts.

INTERROGATORY NO. 2:

Identify all correspondence or documents that refer or relate to any correspondence or communication between you and any other defendant in this action, as well as the Plaintiff, as well as any potential credit grantors or mortgage grantors relating or referring to the Plaintiff, facts, acts, events, or matters alleged in Plaintiffs' complaint, or your answer, anticipated answer and/or defenses thereto.

INTERROGATORY NO. 3:

Please state whether you have reported any accounts of or related to the Plaintiff to any recipients and, in connection with your response, please identify the recipients of such reports, the manner reported, the identifying data connected with the report, and explain and describe the manner and identifiers under which you received the information.

INTERROGATORY NO. 4:

State all of the facts and describe all actions you took, including not limited to correspondence and communications with any consumer reporting agency, furnisher, creditor or potential creditor, or the Plaintiff, with regard to or which in any way references the Plaintiff and/or any of the accounts of the Plaintiff.

INTERROGATORY NO. 5:

State your policies and procedures and identify the name or title of said policy and procedure as well as any and all manuals, reference books, of memorandums by whatever name called, designed to assure the maximum possible accuracy of the information in your consumer credit database as set forth in §1681e(b). Please also state your policies and procedures and identify the name or title of said policy and procedure as well as any and all manuals, reference books, of memorandums by whatever name called, designed to assure you conduct a reasonable and proper reinvestigation of any disputed accounts as set forth in §1681i.

INTERROGATORY NO. 6:

If any document that is or would have been responsive to Plaintiff's Requests for Production of Documents to you was destroyed, lost, mislaid, or otherwise missing, identify the document, state the date of and reason for its destruction, and identify all persons having knowledge of its contents and/or the reason for its destruction.

INTERROGATORY NO. 7:

If any document responsive to Plaintiff's Request for Production of Documents to you is withheld from production, identify each such document by date, title, subject matter, length and the request to which it is potentially responsive and state the reason for

withholding production, and identify each person to whom the document was sent, shown, or made accessible, or to whom it was explained.

INTERROGATORY NO. 8:

State whether you have reported data on the Plaintiff's consumer reports or consumer disclosures which is inaccurate and, if so, state why such inaccurate information was placed on his/her/their consumer report(s) or consumer disclosures, state the date(s) such report(s) / disclosures was (were) issued, to whom the report(s) was (were) issued, and state what you could and should have done to prevent the inaccurate data from being reported on his/her/their consumer report(s) or disclosures.

INTERROGATORY NO. 9:

State your procedures (and identify all documents related thereto) designed to assure the proper investigation or reinvestigation of disputed consumer data and the overall accuracy of the information in your consumer credit database and consumer reports or disclosures you issued.

INTERROGATORY NO. 10:

For each dispute of any type from or related to the Plaintiff or concerning any account of Plaintiff, please describe the process of the investigation and the result of the investigation as set forth below:

- (a) List the date of each such dispute;
- (b) Describe the policy and procedure for investigating the dispute including what documents are to be consulted or reviewed; what documents are to be generated; and the identities or description of who is to be involved in any manner with making the decisions;

described policy and procedure for investigating the dispute was followed; what documents were consulted or reviewed; what documents were generated; the identities of all persons involved in any manner with processing or handling the dispute and/or making the decision on the investigation; and the result of the investigation.

INTERROGATORY NO. 11:

Please list, explain and describe documents known to you or believed by you to exist concerning any of the events described in Plaintiff's complaint or concerning any of the events which are the subject[s] of any defense[s] you have raised to this lawsuit.

INTERROGATORY NO. 12:

Please list, explain and describe each and every contact or communication you received from your co-defendants which, in any way, referenced Plaintiff. This request would include any GEIS [General Electric Information Services]-based and E-Oscar communications, UDFs, AUDFs, CDVs, ACDVs, tape transfers, system to system transfers, phone calls and other means of communication.

INTERROGATORY NO. 13:

For each dispute that was received by you related to the Plaintiff, identify the following:

- a. The amount of time the person or persons spent investigating each dispute;
- b. Whether each person or persons are employed by you;
- c. Whether each person or persons could make an outbound call in the investigation;

- d. Whether each person or persons could send or receive an email;
- e. Whether each person or persons could send or receive a fax;
- f. The amount of compensation each such person or persons received for the investigation; and
- g. Whether each person or persons complied with your policies and procedures in the investigation of the Plaintiff's dispute.

PLAINTIFF'S FIRST REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION OF DOCUMENTS

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that you are hereby notified and required to respond to the following Request for Documents propounded by Plaintiff herein, through his attorneys of record, M. Stan Herring and John G. Watts in accordance with the provisions of Rule 34, et seq., of the Rules of Civil Procedure.

- 1. Please produce all documents involving communications between you and any of the other defendants, in which the communication in any way referenced Plaintiff and/or any of his personal identifiers.
- 2. Please produce all documents involving or constituting communications between you and the Plaintiff or anyone acting on or purporting to act on the Plaintiff's behalf.
- 3. Please produce your policy manuals, procedure manuals, or other documents, which address your policies, practices or procedures in reporting data on consumers in any credit report, consumer report, or consumer disclosure, during each of the three (3) years prior to this lawsuit and up to the present.
- 4. Please produce your policy manuals, procedure manuals, or other documents, which address your policies, practices or procedures for altering previously

- reported data on a consumer, during each of the three (3) years prior to this lawsuit and up to the present.
- 5. Please produce your policy manuals, procedure manuals, or other documents, which address your policies, practices or procedures for retention, dissemination or disposal of account data, during each of the three (3) years prior to this lawsuit and up to the present.
- 6. Please produce your policy manuals, procedure manuals, or other documents, which reference, constitute or duplicate the Fair Credit Reporting Act (or any part thereof) and its revisions or amendments provided to your employees, during each of the three (3) years prior to this lawsuit and up to the present.
- 7. Please produce your policy manuals, procedure manuals, or other documents or video, which are provided to your employees or independent contractors concerning retention, alteration, correction, investigation, dissemination or disposal of data on a credit report, consumer report or consumer disclosure during each of the three (3) years prior to this lawsuit and up to the present.
- 8. Please produce your contract, documents, manuals or other recorded data, concerning your subscriber relationships with the other defendants.
- 9. Please produce your documents which evidence, constitute and/or address your policies, procedures and guidelines for handling Consumer Disputes, including but not limited GEIS [General Electric Information Services]-based and E-Oscar communications, UDFs, AUDFs, CDVs, ACDVs, tape transfers, system to system transfers, phone calls, and other means, by whatever named called, of communication to any other agency, entity, consumer reporting agency or

- furnisher, in each of following three (3) years prior to this lawsuit and up to the present.
- 10. Please produce all of your documents evidencing or including data concerning the names, addresses, telephone numbers and personnel files of current employees and current whereabouts of each and every one of your employees who communicated with Plaintiff, investigated the plaintiff's dispute, or handled, processed, updated in any way Plaintiff's credit reports and/or accounts or tradelines.
- 11. Please provide a complete audit trail of any document(s), computer(s), or other data held by you which constitute, indicate, address or discuss your investigation or reinvestigation or modifying or amending any information regarding Plaintiff reported by you.
- 12. Please produce all documents which constitute consumer dispute verification (CDV's), Universal Data correction forms, correspondence with any consumer reporting agency, data deletion forms, or any other documents which request an alteration and/or deletion of data you or any other defendant, individual or entity had reported about Plaintiff, which contained any one of Plaintiff's personal identifiers.
- 13. Please produce your documents evidencing, referencing, constituting and/or containing your subscriber contracts, subscriber names, subscriber codes, personal identification numbers, reporting policies, means and procedures and/or access codes and specify what time periods such contracts, names, codes, personal

identification numbers and/or access codes were used or made available to you by any party to this case.

- 14. Please produce your documents which evidence, constitute and/or address your communications with Plaintiff or anyone acting on behalf of Plaintiff.
- 15. Please produce copies of your documents evidencing telephone messages, log books or other regularly maintained records by you which contain information about communications between you and Plaintiff and/or any other defendant in this action and/or any consumer reporting agency or collection agency or furnisher or government bureau or any Better Business Bureau which in any way relates to the account or Plaintiff.
- 16. Please produce all documents which refer in any manner to the Plaintiff or any of Plaintiff's accounts, including but not limited to credit reports or consumer reports.
- 17. Please produce any and all documents identified, relied upon or referred to by you in your responses to Plaintiff's interrogatories.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ John G. Watts

John G. Watts
Attorney for Plaintiff

OF COUNSEL:

Watts Law Group, P.C. The Kress Building 301 19th Street North Birmingham, Alabama 35203 (205) 879-2447 (888) 522-7167 facsimile john@wattslawgroup.com

/s/ M. Stan Herring
M. Stan Herring
Attorney for Plaintiff

OF COUNSEL:

M. Stan Herring, P.C.
The Kress Building
301 19th Street North
Birmingham, Alabama 35203
(205) 714-4443
(888) 522-7167 facsimile
msh@mstanherringlaw.com

PLEASE SERVE WITH THE SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT

ELECTRONICALLY FILED

12/3/2009/8/35/PM

CV-2009-903868/00

CIRCULE COURT OF

JEFFERSON COUNTY, ALABAMA
ANNE-MARIE ADAMS, CLERK

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, ALABAMA

ARLANDER TAYLOR, III,)
Plaintiff,))
) Civil Action No.:
v.)
EQUIFAX INFORMATION)
SERVICES, INC. and TRANS UNION,)
LLC,)
) \
Defendants.	,

NOTICE TO TAKE DEPOSITION OF 30(b)(6) CORPORATE REPRESENTATIVE OF EQUIFAX INFORMATION SERVICES, INC.

Take notice, that the Plaintiff will take the deposition of the following entities or individuals pursuant to the Rules of Civil Procedure. The deponent(s) must bring all documents listed in this deposition notice and any attachments, and present the originals of these documents for inspection and copying at the deposition. The deposition will continue until completed.

DEPONENT:

Corporate Representative of Equifax Information Services,

Inc.

DATE:

February 16, 2010

TIME:

9:00 a.m.

PLACE:

Watts Law Group, P.C. The Kress Building 301 19th Street North Birmingham, AL 35203

Please note that pursuant to the Rules of Civil Procedure 30(b)(5) & (6), this corporate Defendant must designate an individual to testify as to the following matters:

- 1. All allegations of fact stated in the complaint in this lawsuit.
- 2. All affirmative defenses asserted by the Defendant.
- 3. Whether or not Defendant's credit reporting on the subject account was accurate.
- 4. The policies, procedures and practices put in place by the Defendant to insure that the investigations or reinvestigations initiated by Plaintiff would result in accurate credit reportings relating to Plaintiff.

- 5. The definition of "accurate" and "verifiable" as those terms are used in Defendant's investigation or reinvestigation process.
- 6. The nature and content of any records maintained by the Defendant--including archived copies and recorded conversations--relating to the investigation or reinvestigation of any trade lines appearing on Plaintiff's credit report.
- 7. The number of reinvestigations of credit disputes handled by the Defendant on an annual basis and economic resources attributable to those investigations or reinvestigations.
- 8. Any quotas or productivity targets for the Defendant's reinvestigators of credit disputes.
- 9. Amount paid to and training provided to the employees responsible for reinvestigating disputed credit reportings made by the Defendant.
- 10. The documents and informational resources available to the Defendant's employees who are responsible for reinvestigating disputed credit reportings made by the Defendant.
- 11. The budgetary allocation of resources of the Defendant to reinvestigations of credit reporting disputes.
- 12. The existence, nature, and content of any training provided to Defendant's employees or agents conducting reinvestigations.
- 13. The nature, purpose, and means by which requests for reinvestigation are received and by which response may be made.
- 14. The identity, content, and number of computer systems used to maintain data on consumers, their accounts, collections or applications and the access given to each of those systems.
- 15. Scope of Defendant's employees' authority to correct credit reporting errors.
- 16. Outsourcing by Defendant of any of the investigation or reinvestigation process.
- 17. The existence and content of any policy or procedure for handling credit reporting reinvestigations.
- 18. The documents which are regularly maintained by the Defendant relative to any investigation or reinvestigation or credit reporting, and the content of those documents relative to the Plaintiff.

- 19. The identity of any known witnesses to the allegations of fact stated in the complaint or the affirmative defenses asserted by the Defendant.
- 20. The authenticity of any documents identified in any of the disclosures, pleadings, or discovery responses.
- 21. The identity and expert credentials of any of the Defendant's employees or witnesses who were involved with or handled Plaintiff's account and/or any investigation or reinvestigation relative to Plaintiff's accounts.
- 22. Any communications between the Defendant and the Plaintiff relating to the investigation or reinvestigation of any credit reporting relating to the Plaintiff.
- 23. Any releases or waivers signed by the Plaintiff.
- 24. Any insurance or bonding carried by the Defendant, which may provide coverage for the allegations in Plaintiff's complaint.
- Whether or not the Plaintiff is a consumer as defined by the Fair Credit Reporting Act, 15 U.S.C. §§ 1681 et seq ("FCRA") at § 1681a(c).
- 26. The existence of, date of and receipt of any credit applications from the Plaintiff.
- 27. The procedures in place at the Defendant to ensure that false or inaccurate information is not reported on any consumer's credit report.
- 28. Whether or not the Defendant has reported credit information relating to any of Plaintiff's personal identifiers including but not limited to name, address and social security number.
- 29. The time, place, manner, and content of any reporting of credit information relating to any of Plaintiff's personal identifiers including but not limited to name, address and social security number.
- 30. The format of the Defendant's credit reportings from the furnisher [e.g.] Metro or Metro II format.
- 31. The content of each available data field or segment reported relating to any of Plaintiff's personal identifiers including but not limited to name, address and social security number.
- 32. The capability of the Defendant's computer to reproduce records of past credit reportings of the Plaintiff.
- Whether or not Plaintiff disputed any credit information, supplied by the Defendant, which reportings related to any of Plaintiff's personal identifiers

- including but not limited to name, address and social security number and the contents of said dispute.
- 34. The time and form in which any consumer dispute was received, and the identity of any persons reviewing or acting on it.
- 35. The time, place, and manner in which any actions were taken in response to any such notice of a consumer dispute.
- 36. The steps and measures that were taken in the course of investigating or reinvestigating any credit information supplied by the furnisher, which credit information related to any of Plaintiff's personal identifiers including but not limited to name, address and social security number.
- 37. The content of any information which was used in order to investigate or reinvestigate any credit reporting dispute by Plaintiff's of credit information supplied by or to the Defendant.
- 38. The identity of any individual who participated in or supervised any investigation or reinvestigation of a credit reporting dispute by Plaintiff's of credit information supplied by or to the Defendant.
- 39. The existence and nature of the legal relationship between the furnisher and Defendant.
- Whether or not the Defendant's actions in relation to its reporting of credit data relating to the Plaintiff was willful.
- Whether or not the Defendant willfully failed in its duties to properly investigate or reinvestigate credit disputes sent by the Plaintiff to consumer reporting agencies.
- 42. Whether or not the Defendant's actions in investigating or reinvestigating its credit reporting relating to the Plaintiff was willful.
- 43. The motive and intent of the Defendant's actions in relation to its reporting and investigation or reinvestigation of the credit information relating to Plaintiff's personal identifiers.
- 44. Defendant's procedures to comply with § 1681(e) requirements.

/s/ John G. Watts

John G. Watts (WAT056)

Attorney for Plaintiff

OF COUNSEL:

Watts Law Group, PC
The Kress Building
301 19th Street North
Birmingham, Alabama 35203
(205) 879-2447
(888) 522-7167 facsimile
john@wattslawgroup.com

/s/ M. Stan Herring
M. Stan Herring (HER037)
Attorney for Plaintiff

OF COUNSEL:

M. Stan Herring, P.C.
The Kress Building
301 19th Street North
Birmingham, Alabama 35203
(205) 714-4443
(888) 522-7167 facsimile
msh@mstanherringlaw.com

SERVE WITH THE SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT

Case 2:10-cv-00027-RRA Document 1 Filed 01/06 The Properties of the Control of th

12/3/2009 8:55 PM CV-2009-903868:00 CIRCUIT COURT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, ALABAMA ANNE-MARIE ADAMS CLERK

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, ALABAMA

ARLANDER TAYLOR, III,)
Plaintiff,)
v.) Civil Action No.:
EQUIFAX INFORMATION SERVICES, INC. and TRANS UNION,))
LLC,)
Defendants.)

NOTICE TO TAKE DEPOSITION OF 30(b)(6) CORPORATE REPRESENTATIVE OF TRANS UNION, LLC

Take notice, that the Plaintiff will take the deposition of the following entities or individuals pursuant to the Rules of Civil Procedure. The deponent(s) must bring all documents listed in this deposition notice and any attachments, and present the originals of these documents for inspection and copying at the deposition. The deposition will continue until completed.

DEPONENT: Corporate Representative of Trans Union, LLC

DATE: February 16, 2010

TIME: Immediately following the Deposition of the Corporate

Representative of Equifax Information Services, Inc.

PLACE: Watts Law Group, P.C.

The Kress Building 301 19th Street North Birmingham, AL 35203

Please note that pursuant to the Rules of Civil Procedure 30(b)(5) & (6), this corporate Defendant must designate an individual to testify as to the following matters:

- 1. All allegations of fact stated in the complaint in this lawsuit.
- All affirmative defenses asserted by the Defendant.
- 3. Whether or not Defendant's credit reporting on the subject account was accurate.
- 4. The policies, procedures and practices put in place by the Defendant to insure that the investigations or reinvestigations initiated by Plaintiff would result in accurate credit reportings relating to Plaintiff.

- 5. The definition of "accurate" and "verifiable" as those terms are used in Defendant's investigation or reinvestigation process.
- 6. The nature and content of any records maintained by the Defendant--including archived copies and recorded conversations--relating to the investigation or reinvestigation of any trade lines appearing on Plaintiff's credit report.
- 7. The number of reinvestigations of credit disputes handled by the Defendant on an annual basis and economic resources attributable to those investigations or reinvestigations.
- 8. Any quotas or productivity targets for the Defendant's reinvestigators of credit disputes.
- 9. Amount paid to and training provided to the employees responsible for reinvestigating disputed credit reportings made by the Defendant.
- 10. The documents and informational resources available to the Defendant's employees who are responsible for reinvestigating disputed credit reportings made by the Defendant.
- 11. The budgetary allocation of resources of the Defendant to reinvestigations of credit reporting disputes.
- 12. The existence, nature, and content of any training provided to Defendant's employees or agents conducting reinvestigations.
- 13. The nature, purpose, and means by which requests for reinvestigation are received and by which response may be made.
- 14. The identity, content, and number of computer systems used to maintain data on consumers, their accounts, collections or applications and the access given to each of those systems.
- 15. Scope of Defendant's employees' authority to correct credit reporting errors.
- 16. Outsourcing by Defendant of any of the investigation or reinvestigation process.
- 17. The existence and content of any policy or procedure for handling credit reporting reinvestigations.
- 18. The documents which are regularly maintained by the Defendant relative to any investigation or reinvestigation or credit reporting, and the content of those documents relative to the Plaintiff.

- 19. The identity of any known witnesses to the allegations of fact stated in the complaint or the affirmative defenses asserted by the Defendant.
- 20. The authenticity of any documents identified in any of the disclosures, pleadings, or discovery responses.
- 21. The identity and expert credentials of any of the Defendant's employees or witnesses who were involved with or handled Plaintiff's account and/or any investigation or reinvestigation relative to Plaintiff's accounts.
- 22. Any communications between the Defendant and the Plaintiff relating to the investigation or reinvestigation of any credit reporting relating to the Plaintiff.
- 23. Any releases or waivers signed by the Plaintiff.
- 24. Any insurance or bonding carried by the Defendant, which may provide coverage for the allegations in Plaintiff's complaint.
- Whether or not the Plaintiff is a consumer as defined by the Fair Credit Reporting Act, 15 U.S.C. §§ 1681 et seq ("FCRA") at § 1681a(c).
- 26. The existence of, date of and receipt of any credit applications from the Plaintiff.
- 27. The procedures in place at the Defendant to ensure that false or inaccurate information is not reported on any consumer's credit report.
- 28. Whether or not the Defendant has reported credit information relating to any of Plaintiff's personal identifiers including but not limited to name, address and social security number.
- 29. The time, place, manner, and content of any reporting of credit information relating to any of Plaintiff's personal identifiers including but not limited to name, address and social security number.
- 30. The format of the Defendant's credit reportings from the furnisher [e.g.] Metro or Metro II format.
- 31. The content of each available data field or segment reported relating to any of Plaintiff's personal identifiers including but not limited to name, address and social security number.
- 32. The capability of the Defendant's computer to reproduce records of past credit reportings of the Plaintiff.
- 33. Whether or not Plaintiff disputed any credit information, supplied by the Defendant, which reportings related to any of Plaintiff's personal identifiers

- including but not limited to name, address and social security number and the contents of said dispute.
- 34. The time and form in which any consumer dispute was received, and the identity of any persons reviewing or acting on it.
- 35. The time, place, and manner in which any actions were taken in response to any such notice of a consumer dispute.
- 36. The steps and measures that were taken in the course of investigating or reinvestigating any credit information supplied by the furnisher, which credit information related to any of Plaintiff's personal identifiers including but not limited to name, address and social security number.
- 37. The content of any information which was used in order to investigate or reinvestigate any credit reporting dispute by Plaintiff's of credit information supplied by or to the Defendant.
- 38. The identity of any individual who participated in or supervised any investigation or reinvestigation of a credit reporting dispute by Plaintiff's of credit information supplied by or to the Defendant.
- 39. The existence and nature of the legal relationship between the furnisher and Defendant.
- 40. Whether or not the Defendant's actions in relation to its reporting of credit data relating to the Plaintiff was willful.
- 41. Whether or not the Defendant willfully failed in its duties to properly investigate or reinvestigate credit disputes sent by the Plaintiff to consumer reporting agencies.
- 42. Whether or not the Defendant's actions in investigating or reinvestigating its credit reporting relating to the Plaintiff was willful.
- 43. The motive and intent of the Defendant's actions in relation to its reporting and investigation or reinvestigation of the credit information relating to Plaintiff's personal identifiers.
- 44. Defendant's procedures to comply with § 1681(e) requirements.

/s/ John G. Watts
John G. Watts (WAT056)
Attorney for Plaintiff

OF COUNSEL:

Watts Law Group, PC
The Kress Building
301 19th Street North
Birmingham, Alabama 35203
(205) 879-2447
(888) 522-7167 facsimile
john@wattslawgroup.com

/s/ M. Stan Herring
M. Stan Herring (HER037)
Attorney for Plaintiff

OF COUNSEL:

M. Stan Herring, P.C.
The Kress Building
301 19th Street North
Birmingham, Alabama 35203
(205) 714-4443
(888) 522-7167 facsimile
msh@mstanherringlaw.com

SERVE WITH THE SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT

Case 2:10-cv-00027-RRA Document 1 Filed 01/06/10 Page 53 of 54

State of Alabama **Unified Judicial System** SUMMONS - CIVIL -

Case Number:

01-CV-2009-903868.00

Form C-34 Rev 6/88

IN THE CIVIL COURT OF JEFFERSON, ALABAMA

	YLOR III v. EQUIFAX INFORMATIC	ON SERVICES, LLC ET AL
NOTICE TO EQUIFAX INFORMATION SEF	RVICES, LLC, C/O CSC LAWYERS INC. SRV 150	S. PERRY STREET, MONTGOMERY, AL 36104
TO PROTECT YOUR RIGHTS. YOU O ANSWER, EITHER ADMITTING OR I	R YOUR ATTORNEY ARE REQUIRED DENYING EACH ALLEGATION IN TH MUST BE MAILED OR HAND DELIVE	NT AND YOU MUST TAKE IMMEDIATEACTION TO FILE THE ORIGINAL OF YOUR WRITTEN HE COMPLAINT WITH THE CLERK OF THIS ERED BY YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY TO THE
WHOSE ADDRESS IS 700 29th Street	South, Suite 201, BIRMINGHAM, AL 35	233
	ILT MAY BE ENTERED AGAINST Y	ONS AND COMPLAINT WERE DELIVERED TO OU FOR THE MONEY OR OTHER THINGS of the Civil Procedure:
You are hereby commanded to serve	this summons and a copy of the compl	aint in this action upon the defendant
Service by certified mail of this sumn		of ARLANDER TAYLOR III
pursuant to the Alabama Rules of the	e Civil Procedure	
12/3/2009 8:35:28 PM	/s ANNE-MARIE ADAMS	
Date	Clerk/Register	Ву
☑ Certified mail is hereby requested	/s JOHN GRIFFIN WATTS	
	Plaintiff's/Attorney's Signature	
RETURN ON SERVICE:		
Return receipt of certified mail receiv	red in this office on	
	copy of the Summons and Complaint to	
<u> </u>	Cou	nty, Alabama on
in	Cou	nty, Alabama on
in	Server's Signature	nty, Alabama on
		nty, Alabama on

Case 2:10-cv-00027-RRA Document 1 Filed 01/06/10 Page 54 of 54

State of Alabama Unified Judicial System SUMMONS - CIVIL -

Case Number:

01-CV-2009-903868.00

Form C-34 Rev 6/88

IN THE CIVIL COURT OF JEFFERSON, ALABAMA ARLANDER TAYLOR III v. EQUIFAX INFORMATION SERVICES, LLC ET AL

TRANS UNION, LLC, C/O PRENTICE-HALL CORP SY 150 SOUTH PERRY STREET, MONTGOMERY, AL 36104 **NOTICE TO** THE COMPLAINT WHICH IS ATTACHED TO THIS SUMMONS IS IMPORTANT AND YOU MUST TAKE IMMEDIATE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR RIGHTS. YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY ARE REQUIRED TO FILE THE ORIGINAL OF YOUR WRITTEN ANSWER, EITHER ADMITTING OR DENYING EACH ALLEGATION IN THE COMPLAINT WITH THE CLERK OF THIS COURT. A COPY OF YOUR ANSWER MUST BE MAILED OR HAND DELIVERED BY YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY TO THE OPPOSING PARTY'S ATTORNEY JOHN GRIFFIN WATTS WHOSE ADDRESS IS 700 29th Street South, Suite 201, BIRMINGHAM, AL 35233 THE ANSWER MUST BE MAILED WITHIN 30 DAYS AFTER THIS SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT WERE DELIVERED TO YOU OR A JUDGMENT BY DEFAULT MAY BE ENTERED AGAINST YOU FOR THE MONEY OR OTHER THINGS DEMANDED IN THE COMPLAINT. TO ANY SHERIFF OR ANY PERSONNEL AUTHORIZED by the Alabama Rules of the Civil Procedure: You are hereby commanded to serve this summons and a copy of the complaint in this action upon the defendant ARLANDER TAYLOR III Service by certified mail of this summons is initiated upon the written request of pursuant to the Alabama Rules of the Civil Procedure 12/3/2009 8:35:28 PM /s ANNE-MARIE ADAMS Ву Clerk/Register Date /s JOHN GRIFFIN WATTS Certified mail is hereby requested Plaintiff's/Attorney's Signature RETURN ON SERVICE: Return receipt of certified mail received in this office on I certify that I personally delivered a copy of the Summons and Complaint to _____ in _____ County, Alabama on _____ Date Server's Signature